

State Youth Council
May 14, 2004
Tri-County Workforce Center

Attendees: Amy Arquila (Co-Chair), Jennifer Lambert (Co-Chair), Julie Berge, Dan Sisneros, Caren Swales, Mark Johnston, Samantha O'Neill, Les Watkins, Erin Jones, Valerie Jenkins, Shauna Kalicki, Walter Worthy, Dani Crane, Ann Baker

Staff: Steve Wright, Glenn Little, Aron Diaz, Lee Carter

Absences: Randy Jackson

Excused: Nicole Barden, Sue Schierkolk, Melody Bolton

I. Introductions & New Member Welcome

(Prior to the Council meeting, new member orientation took place).

II. Minutes

A motion was made by Julie to approve minutes from 4/15/04, seconded by Mark.

Motion passed.

III. Youth Transition Grant – Steve Wright

Resource Mapping and Focus Group progress continues. May 12, the first 3 local pilot sites were brought to Denver for a training & brainstorming session, which went extremely well. The advisory group will be brought together in late July to analyze the state findings and the information that the locals can gather, and a State Plan will be initiated.

A. New Initiative

May 4, a meeting of new youth initiatives was held at Volunteers of America. 8 Presentations were given, and information packets were developed. (copies brought to today's meeting). Additional collaborations were developed through the networking activities, and the group agreed to meet quarterly, backed up against SYC meetings in the future to build on what was done at the first meeting.

IV. Summer Job Hunt – Julie Berge

28,000 people have registered so far.

Adams County has improved vastly over last year, as did A/D Works.

V. Finance Sub-Committee

Amy is resigning due to her career change, which poses a conflict of interest.

Aron is also resigning from the sub committee, but will still stay involved with the information and processes.

Ann Baker & Les Watkins will take on the two open spots, joining Julie Berge as a prior member.

The subcommittee will have a discussion and provide guidance around future policy at the next meeting.

A policy draft will be developed by June 10, prior to the meeting on the 17th.

Any suggestions for policy recommendations need to be provided as soon as possible.

The full CWDC policy should be consulted as a guide, as well.

Lists and prices for upcoming conferences should be provided prior to June 10 to subcommittee members.

VI. Goals

Business Engagement – As a full year goal, we make a commitment to reach out to the locals by providing technical assistance or other assistance to increase education to employers around employing youth. We can achieve this by reaching out to chambers of commerce and other local business gathering organizations, possibly targeting emerging industries.

The first year goal would be to pilot this with no financial strings attached. We can track the progress of our activities through the SYC monthly meetings.

Ann made a motion to establish business development activities to increase youth employment, through targeted presentations that the youth council would provide to business gatherings, seconded by Les. Motion passed.

A. JAN Conference

Steve notified the committee regarding a Job Accommodation Network Symposium that will occur September 20-21 in Orlando, FL. The event is targeted towards HR managers, supervisors, and other business professionals interested in enhancing their organizations' abilities to accommodate and employ people with disabilities (including youth with disabilities). A letter will be drafted through the full Workforce Development Council to try to solicit some employers who participate with the council. Interested parties will be paired with consumer navigators from the workforce region where the business is located. This will be a good opportunity to educate businesses, supporting the SYC's goal of outreaching and educating businesses.

VII. PGL – Review Teams & Process

June 30th is the new deadline for receipt of projects. The review process will happen around July 5th. We will keep youth separate from other processes. The June 10th meeting that had been set to review pgl's is not necessary, so please remove that date from your calendars. July 9 is the review date @ Village Homes, 8 am. The address is 11 W. Dry Creek Circle (Broadway & Dry Creek). Contact Jennifer Lambert for additional directions.

Review Team: Les, Ann, Karen, Nicole, Jennifer, Julie, Amy, Erin (maybe Randy).

Documents will be forwarded from the Office of Workforce Development to the reviewers by July 6th.

VIII. Membership Sub-Committee - Caren

Several people were solicited to fill out the membership requirement by letter, and follow up calls were made. We should be hearing back from several people shortly. We still

need to target a parent, and hopefully some business from the Western Slope. Ann Baker has a contact with Alpine Bank on the Western Slope.

Application for Steven Carr presented. He is the HR Director of Marriot Hotels. He frequently does speaking engagements to high school and college kids. Marriot is a big employer of youth, including youth with disabilities.

The membership sub-committee made a motion to approve, as a voting member, Steven Carr. Caren seconded the motion, the motion passed. Steven Carr is a voting member of the State Youth Council.

IX. Finance

The \$3000 previously allocated for the back page of the career guide has been funded by the Marketing Committee.

X. Snowmass

Thursday, June 3d, Snobble Room from 3-4:30 has been reserved for the State Youth Council to meet & greet conference attendees. The room seats 75 people. It will be advertised by the conference, as well.

Also, Mark Johnston mentioned that there will be a Youth Coordinators meet & greet from 12-2 on opening day. Stop by to support Mark & the Youth Coordinators!

The SYC will have a suggestion box for people related to the SYC. Amy sent out an email asking for suggestions of what to communicate/ask the visitors.

XI. Open Discussion

Ann brought Hike for Youth pamphlets. Go to www.hikeforyouth.org to register. The event is on June 5 at Golden Gate Canyon State Park. Proceeds benefit 10 organizations serving the Denver/Boulder area, providing personal development of young people through service, stewardship, restoration, and experience-based environmental education. The fee is \$25, and they encourage you to obtain pledges.

Julie brought Youth Development Summit flyers. Go to www.eventlinc.net for details. The summit takes place August 24-26 in Okalahoma City, OK. The fee is \$175.00.

Dani – Miami Conference Update.

Lots of policy makers were there as speakers. Emerging industries are the direction for training, and analysis of the “demand” side rather than the supply side.

National Youth Employment Development Coalition is interested in working with CO SYC.

Youth/WIA leader training might be an option.

PEPNET Conference coming up in August, targeting best practices around youth. Would be a good opportunity for someone from the SYC to attend.

Summer camps will be happening in June around healthcare, and a construction careers camp is happening in June.

Dani will get the dates for the camps and the graduation and encouraged SYC attendance. Toolbelts and tools would be great donations if anyone has any contacts!

Valerie – June 8th graduation service through Foster Care. Next year it would be great if the SYC could collaborate.

Mark – telementoring program (young people getting connected with someone in their target field). Must be WIA-eligible. Telementor.org is the website where the mentoring happens. 7 pilot kids are in the first session. This really helps rural kids get mentors when none are available locally.

XII. Amy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ann. Meeting adjourned at 11:25. The next SYC meeting will be at 8 am, prior to the full CWDC meeting on June 17. The location is the Colorado Community College System, Lowry Campus, building 959, President's Room.